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Dimitrios Pagourtzis, the Texas high school student who shot and killed eight students and two teachers last Friday, may have been motivated to open fire on his classmates after he was publicly humiliated by one of the students he made advances toward, according to the victim's mother. 4

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EMMA E. FORREST, METRO EDITOR

When Britain's favorite royal got hitched to a Hollywood star, it was no straight-up royal wedding. Not just because the bride is a mixed-race American divorcee actress, but mostly because the ceremony showed diversity, warmth and personality, not really a forte for British royal events. Who knows if Meghan can change "The Firm," but let's hope it doesn't change her — too much. Either way, here's a U.K.-U.S. special relationship we can all get excited about. Read more on page 6 and at [metro.us](#).

Emma E. Forrest, London, U.K.

TRUMP TO DEMAND THAT DOJ EXAMINE CAMPAIGN CLAIMS

IPresident Donald Trump demanded on Twitter on Sunday that the Justice Department look into whether his 2016 presidential campaign was infiltrated or surveilled by the agency or the FBI under the Obama administration. Trump's simmering anger over Special Counsel Robert Mueller's year-old Russia probe appeared to spill over into a series of well-worn recriminations in several tweets, including that the investigation was politically motivated and had its roots in the administration of his Democratic predecessor, Barack Obama. Trump's lawyer,

Rudy Giuliani, was quoted by the New York Times later on Sunday as saying that Mueller had said the investigation would wrap up by Sept. 1. Trump has denied any collusion and repeatedly dismissed the investigation as a "witch hunt." "I hereby demand, and will do so officially tomorrow, that the Department of Justice look into whether or not the FBI/DOJ infiltrated or surveilled the Trump Campaign for Political Purposes — and if any such demands or requests were made by people within the Obama Administration!" Trump wrote on Twitter.

HAWAII FACES NEW THREAT FROM VOLCANO: LAZE

2Hawaii residents dealing with Kilauea's volcanic eruption faced a potentially deadly new challenge on Sunday as lava that reached the Pacific Ocean threatened to send up laze, a hazardous mix of glass particles and noxious gas. The new challenge came when a stream of lava from the volcano cut through Highway 137 on the south coast of Hawaii's Big Island late on Saturday and then poured into the sea, authorities said. The mix of erupting lava, which can reach 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, and sea water could send up plumes of laze, a mix of hydro-

chloric acid, steam and volcanic glass particles, Hawaii County Civil Defense said in a statement. "Be aware of the laze hazard and stay away from any ocean plume," the agency said, warning that potential hazards include lung damage. Laze — a combination of "lava" and "haze" — killed two people in 2000 when a lava flow reached the coast, and even a wisp can irritate eyes and lungs and make it hard to breath, the U.S. Geological Survey said. The public was warned to stay away from potential plumes of laze near where the lava is flowing into the ocean.



PRINCE HARRY AND MEGHAN MARKLE

3Prince Harry and Meghan Markle during their wedding service, conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle on Saturday, in Windsor, England. [Read more on page 6.](#)

US WILL NOT RECOGNIZE VENEZUELA ELECTION

4The U.S. will not recognize the result of Venezuela's presidential election on Sunday, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan told journalists. The United States is actively considering oil sanctions on Venezuela, and Sullivan said a response to Sunday's vote would be discussed at a G20 meeting in Buenos Aires on Monday. Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro was seeking a six-year term in a Sunday election boycotted by the opposition and condemned by foes as the "coronation" of a dictator. Maduro looked set

to win re-election on Sunday in a seemingly poorly attended vote. Despite his unpopularity over the OPEC member's economic meltdown, the 55-year-old former bus driver was benefiting from a boycott by the mainstream opposition, a ban on his two most popular rivals, and state institutions in loyalists' hands. The vote could trigger new sanctions from the United States, and more censure from the European Union and Latin America. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called the election a "sham."

MNUCHIN: US AND CHINA TO PUT TRADE WAR 'ON HOLD'

5The U.S. trade war with China is "on hold" after the world's largest economies agreed to drop their tariff threats while they work on a wider trade agreement, U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said on Sunday. Mnuchin and U.S. President Donald Trump's top economic adviser, Larry Kudlow, said the agreement reached by Chinese and American negotiators on Saturday set up a framework for addressing trade imbalances in the future. "We are putting the trade war on hold. Right now, we have agreed to put the tariffs on hold while we try to execute

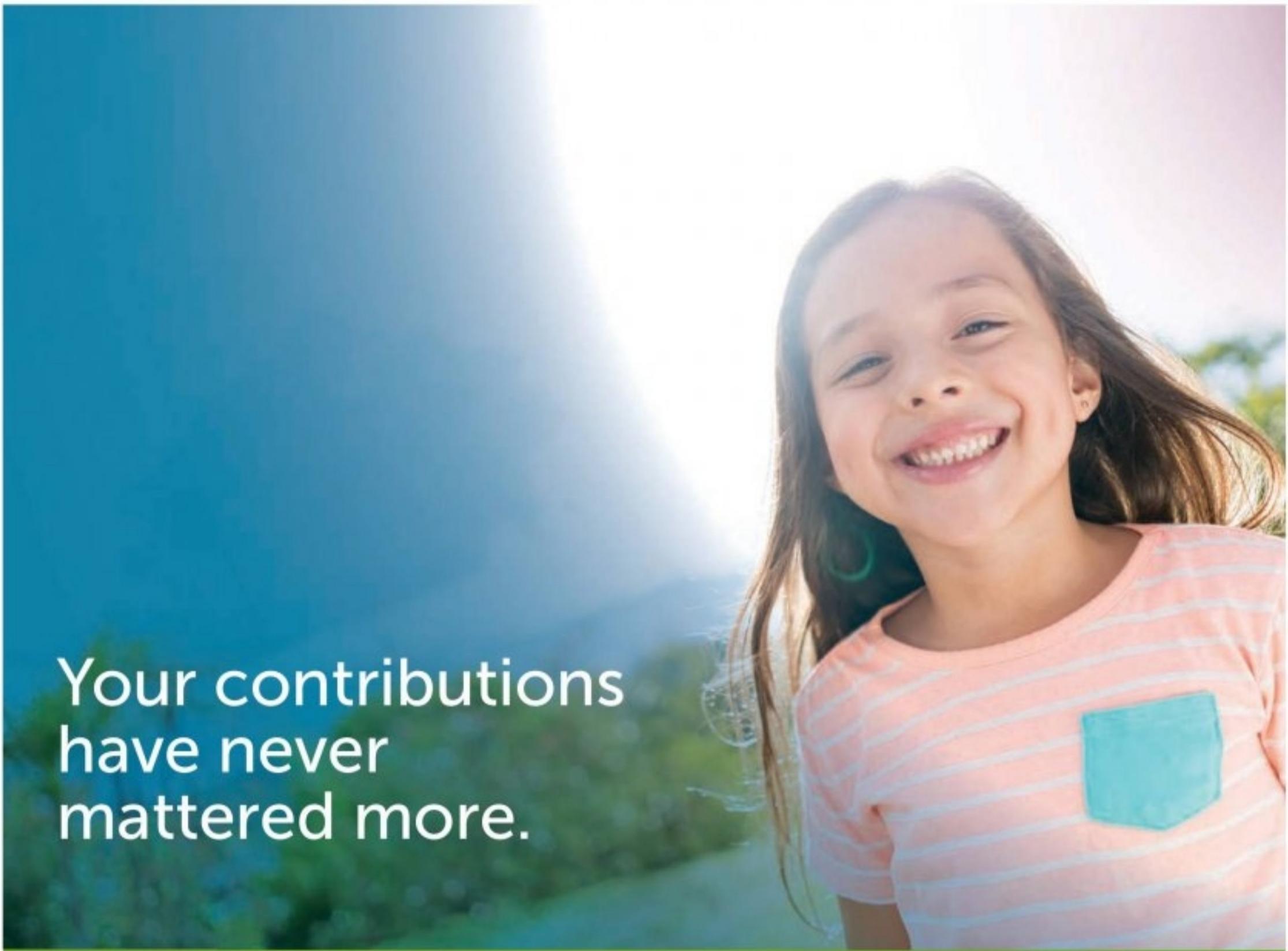
the framework," Mnuchin said in a television interview on "Fox News Sunday." On Saturday, Beijing and Washington said they would keep talking about measures under which China would import more energy and agricultural commodities from the United States to narrow the \$335 billion annual U.S. goods and services trade deficit with China. During an initial round of talks this month in Beijing, Washington demanded that China reduce its trade surplus by \$200 billion. No dollar figure was cited in the countries' joint statement on Saturday.

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NEWS

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, told reporters that the alleged shooter obtained the firearms from his father, who had likely acquired them legally.

A teenaged boy who shot and killed eight students and two teachers in Texas had been spurned by one of his victims after making aggressive advances, her mother told the Los Angeles Times.

Sadie Rodriguez, the mother of Shana Fisher, 16, told the newspaper that her daughter rejected four months of aggressive advances from accused shooter Dimitrios Pagourtzis, 17, at the Santa Fe high school.

Fisher finally stood

Spurned advances provoked Texas school shooting, victim's mother says



Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (front), his wife Cecilia Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick (L) and other officials bring flowers for a makeshift memorial on the grounds of Santa Fe High School on May 20, 2018, in Santa Fe, Texas. GETTY IMAGES

up to him and embarrassed him in class, the newspaper quoted her mother as writing in a private message to the Times.

"A week later he opens fire on everyone he didn't like," she said. "Shana being the first

one."

Rodriguez could not independently be reached for comment.

If true, it would be the second school shooting in recent months driven by such rejection.

In March, a 17-year-old Maryland high school

student used his father's gun to shoot and kill a female student with whom he had been in a recently ended relationship.

As the investigation enters its third day on Sunday, no official motive has been announced for the massacre, the

fourth-deadliest mass shooting at a U.S. public school in modern history.

The Santa Fe school district denied accounts from some classmates that Pagourtzis had been bullied, including by a football coach.

"Administration looked into these claims and confirmed that these reports are untrue," it said on Saturday in a statement on Facebook.

Classmates at Santa Fe High School, which has some 1,460 students, described Pagourtzis as a quiet loner who played on the school's football team. He wore a black trench coat to school in the Texas heat on Friday and opened fire with a pistol and shotgun.

Multiple news accounts depicted him as taunting his victims as he fired, focusing mostly on the arts class where Fisher was.

He has provided authorities little information about the shootings, his attorney, Nicholas Poehl, said, adding: "Honestly because of his emotional state, I don't have a lot on that."

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Pagourtzis wanted to commit suicide, citing the suspect's journals, but did not have the courage to do so.

Pagourtzis' family said in a statement they were "saddened and dismayed" by the shooting and "as shocked as anyone else" by the events. They said they are cooperating with authorities.

All schools in Santa Fe will be closed Monday and Tuesday, officials said.

Pagourtzis, who police said has confessed to the shooting, was being held without bond Sunday at a jail in Galveston.

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A colorful wedding full of details

In Great Britain, hats are a tradition, protected by the aristocratic principle of individuality. But at Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding and beyond the bride's significant Givenchy dress — the veil depicted the Commonwealth countries with flowers — celebrities also showed how they can reinvent a royal wedding dress code for posterity. Metro highlights our picks of looks that became a digital delight for internet users and fashionistas. **LUZ LANCHEROS, MWN**



1 Amal Clooney
Best dressed! Yellow may not suit everyone but it definitely looks great on the human rights lawyer. Her Stella McCartney had the perfect cut and silhouette, with remarkable accents in the same color, a simple hairstyle and contrasting makeup.



2 Victoria Beckham
Seven years ago, she dressed in black for William and Kate's wedding, but this time she opted for dark blue. With such a minimalist and refined style, she can always be herself and impact with a dress in simple lines and a tulle headdress that's not improvised.



3 Priyanka Chopra
Curves in Dior, a pastel ensemble with simple lines. An outfit that impacts by wrapping the body to perfection, classically highlighting her silhouette, but without being boring.

4 Kitty Spencer
This is how you can take flowers to a wedding other than as a bouquet. With a dreamy Dolce & Gabbana dress, with touches of orange and perfectly styled that lets the dress speak on its own, complemented with a geometric and original headdress.



5 Serena Williams
A dress that perfectly adapted to her body (Versace) with a headdress that respects the original shape of the tennis player's hair. Her best look so far.



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Braintree parent brought gun to school prompting lockdown

The Braintree man will be arraigned on charges of carrying a firearm on school grounds and failure to properly secure a firearm.



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A Braintree parent who brought a handgun into Ross Elementary School on Friday prompted the school to go into lockdown.

The 36-year-old parent, Matthew Vacher of Braintree, entered the school that is located on Hayward Street shortly before 11 a.m. with a gun that was improperly secured in a backpack. Vacher does have a license to carry.

After school officials took notice and were concerned they took immediate action, keeping Vacher in the office and placing the Braintree



Ross Elementary School went on lockdown until Braintree Police arrived.
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school on lockdown after contacting the police who instructed them to keep everyone in their places while securing the school.

After police arrived, Vacher was sent to South Shore Hospital.

"There was never a threat to anyone," Braintree Deputy Police Chief Sean Lydon said. "He was there for a legitimate reason."

The school has since released a statement.

"After the parent was removed from the school, the police found the

weapon in a backpack the parent had brought to school," the statement read. "At no time while the parent was in the school did [he] threaten anyone or state that [he] had a weapon."

Following the incident, Ross Elementary School returned to its normal schedule.

Vacher will be arraigned on charges of carrying a firearm on school grounds and failure to properly secure a firearm on Monday in Quincy District Court.

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LIFESTYLE



The season finale of "American Idol" airs Monday, ABC

Reality TV finale fight night

ABC and NBC go head-to-head with big season wrap-ups on Monday.

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Grab the remote, ready your hashtags and prepare to vote. The heavy hitters of the competitive reality TV world air their finales tonight. Contestants from "Dancing with The Stars," "The Voice" and "American Idol" are all taking their stab at glory, while the celebrity hosts are cashing their checks and looking relieved it's all over.



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"Dancing With the Stars"

The Tonya Harding redemption tour peaks this week with the former ice skater and scandal maker shimmying her way to the final with partner Sasha Farber. Redskins quarterback Josh Norman also lines up for the finale, alongside Olympic figure skater Adam Rippon.

There's no doubt that Rippon is the most talented dancer, but there is genuine interest around Harding's attempt to win back public favor.

"It's not about fame, it's not about fortune," Harding told US Weekly, fresh from a camouflage

dress, cowboy boots and bear quickstep number that needed to be seen to be believed. "It's about the journey of life and feeling like America has opened their arms to me and understands me better now".

WHERE TO WATCH:

8 p.m. on ABC.
Who will win? Adam Rippon. Harding might be good for ratings but it's unlikely she'll snatch the crown.

"American Idol"

The higher the ratings stakes the bigger the line-up, and "American Idol"

(the original, but not necessarily the best reality music program out there) recruited the big names for its two-part finale, with the first part airing last night on ABC.

Judges Katy Perry, Lionel Richie and Luke Bryan brushed off their vocal cords alongside Gary Clark Jr., Nick Jonas, Bebe Rexha, Patti LaBelle as well as poor old Kermit the Frog in the two part finale. Alongside the line-up,

Tonya Harding, ABC



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producers squeezed in finalists Caleb Lee Hutchinson, Gabby Barrett and Maddie Poppe, with the winner announced tonight.

WHERE TO WATCH

9 p.m. on ABC.
Who will win? Country crooner Gabby Barrett seems to have it in the bag, although Hutch could be the dark horse.

"The Voice"

Prepare to flick channels: going up against "DWTS" and "Idol."

"The Voice" also has its finale tonight. While this has been one of the most lackluster seasons of "The Voice," nothing has been more satisfying than seeing Kelly Clarkson turn her back on "Idol" — the show that gave her a start — and head over to The Voice after years of complaining about how she felt exploited as a young reality winner.

She's left with one contestant on her team: Brynn Cartelli, who goes up against Kyla Jade & Spensha Baker from Team Blake, and Britton Buchanan from Team

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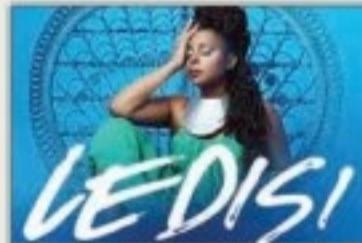
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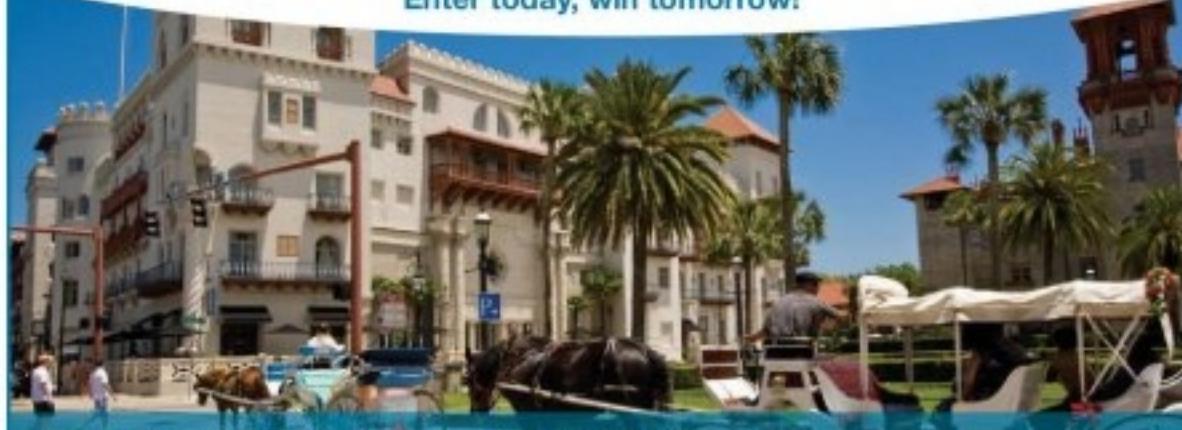
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- "The Holy Girl" at 7:15 p.m.
- "Diary of a Teenage Girl" at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23

- "Jeanne Dielman" at 4:30 p.m.
- "Belle de Jour" at 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 24

- "I Am Not A Witch" at 7:30 p.m.
- "The Exorcist" at 9:30 p.m.

weekend.

"I'm so excited to show films that I love, that explore the female gaze," Portman said in a statement. "I don't think there's anything inherently different between male and female artists, but these are examples of great works of art in which similar story lines have female tropes that play out quite differently depending on who's telling the story. I'm looking forward to sharing these

with an audience and hearing their reactions. It makes it an even more special opportunity to watch these incredible films on the big screen at one of my favorite movie theaters."

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IMC at Stonehill College

"IMC supports messaging that's clear, consistent and carefully linked to be more meaningful and impactful," says Lee McGinnis, director of Stonehill College's new IMC master's degree program. "It means that communication and marketing departments know what the other is doing so that everyone is on the same page with their messaging."

When Stonehill Col-

lege launched its IMC master's program this year, it saw the opportunity to fill a void in the typical array of business-centric IMC programs. Stonehill designed its program to emphasize creativity and broadened its scope to include communication, marketing and graphic design, which helps students look at the marketing field through a variety of lenses. Students learn about

all three fields and how those disciplines interact and strengthen each other. McGinnis believes that this kind outside-of-the-box thinking is what will drive his program and his students to succeed.

"The IMC program is focused on being innovative," says McGinnis. "We combine the best of the latest creative methods with digital marketing, e-commerce and other high-tech

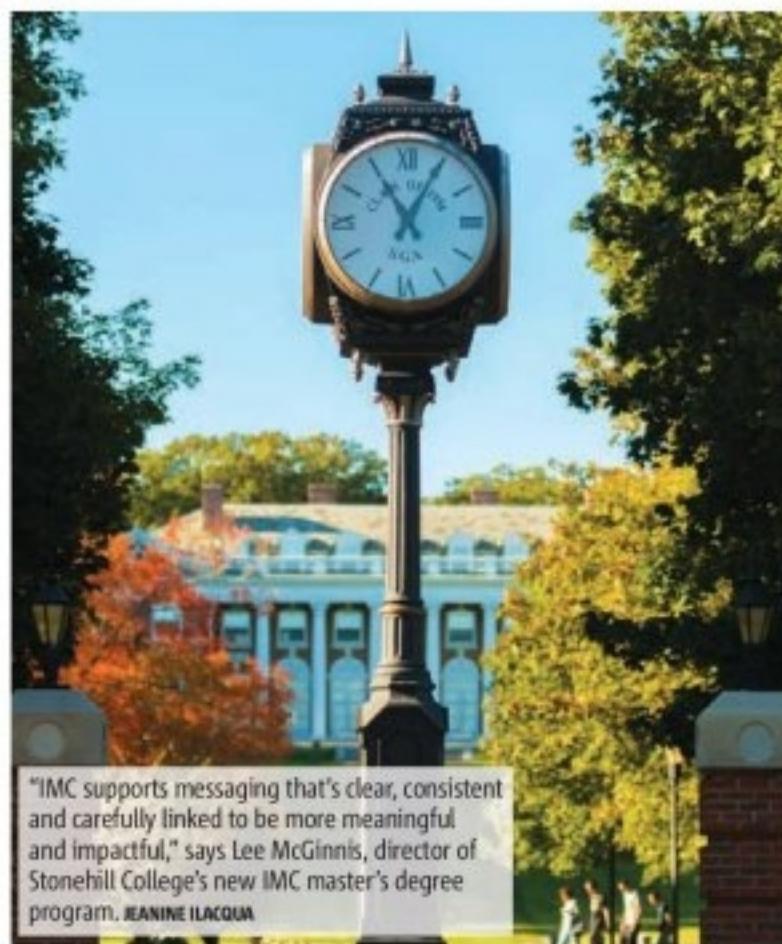
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McGinnis, who carried out research on underdogs in sports, society and business, knows that the newness of Stonehill's IMC program lets it be more innovative and flexible than others, but also understands that some people looking at the program might view it as being an "underdog". But in his mind, being an underdog can actually give a business an advantage and he welcomes the challenge.

"One of the examples that always comes up as an exemplar underdog is Avis against Hertz," McGinnis explains. "Avis had this old campaign that said, 'We're number two.' They said that 'Because we're number two, we're going to try harder.' That's what Stonehill is doing. Because we want this program to be successful and for students to spread the word about it, we're going to try harder than anybody else."

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What is an *embolization procedure?*

Melania Trump's surgery, explained.

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The White House threw a curve ball on Monday when it announced that first lady Melania

Trump went through an embolization procedure at Walter Reed Medical Center.

"This morning, first lady Melania Trump underwent an embolization procedure to treat a benign kidney condition. The procedure was successful, and there

were no complications," the first lady's communications director, Stephanie Grisham, said in a statement.

She is the first first lady to go through a serious medical procedure since October 1987 when then-first lady Nancy Reagan had

a mastectomy. However, the White House statement was vague on information — and few know what an embolization procedure entails.

What is an embolization procedure?

An embolization procedure cuts off the blood supply to a part of the kidney. During the procedure, "an interventional radiologist uses imaging guidance to insert a catheter into a primary artery and advance it to blood vessel leading to a tumor or other area where the bloody supply needs to be blocked," Cancer Treatment Centers of America explains on its website.

"Our great First Lady is doing really well. Will be leaving hospital in 2 or 3 days. Thank you for so much love and support!"

President Trump tweeted last week.

Two urologists — who haven't treated Trump — told ABC News that embolization procedure was likely to remove an angiomyolipoma. Others have said it could've been caused by a cyst.

How long will Melania Trump be in the hospital? Grisham's original state-



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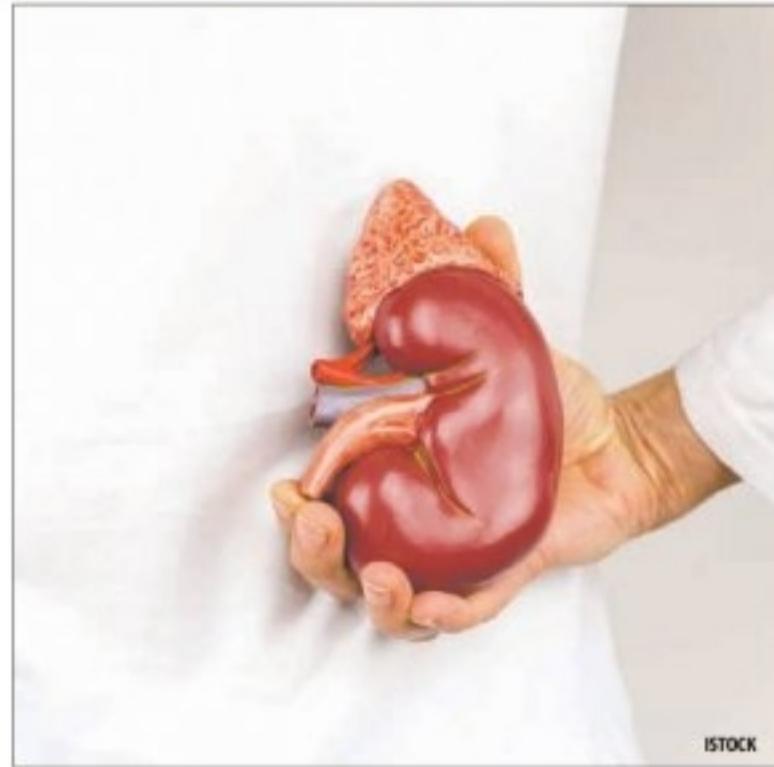




ment said Trump would spend the week resting in the hospital. The procedure is typically done laparoscopically, and according to Friedewald, it typically only causes minor side effects like fever or pain in the kidney or injection site. Many patients are up and walking around within hours and go home the same day.

President Trump said on Monday that his wife was "in good spirits"

But why is the first lady staying in the hospital for so long? Dr. Jeffrey Berns, professor of medicine and pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, told People that though a hospital stay with an embolism procedure is usually short, it could be longer if doctors had to treat a significant area on the kidney.



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OPINION

MATT BURKE

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Maybe, just maybe, the Celtics are about to show their age and go down in flames in this series.

I just doubt it.

Game 3 of this series was very predictable. OK, fine. A 30-point loss was a bit much. But NBA history strongly suggested that LeBron James wasn't going to lose a Game 3 at home to a team that relies heavily on a rookie, a second-year dude, and some guy named "Al."

That said, recent basketball history suggests that the Celtics

THIS CELTICS TEAM CAN TAKE A PUNCH

are going to put up one hell of a fight in Game 4 tonight in Cleveland (8:30 p.m., ESPN).

The C's have only lost two games in a row once this postseason — Games 3 and 4 against Milwaukee. Game 3 against the Bucks was a 24-point blowout loss, but in Game 4 the Celtics almost pulled off a victory — losing by two, 104-102. You'll remember that game as the Giannis Antetokounmpo tip-in game on a Sunday afternoon, and the game where the Celtics erased a 20-point advantage in the third quarter.

The veteran Cavs probably won't let a sizable lead slip away like the Bucks did, so it's paramount that the Celtics get out to an early lead in Game 4, or at least keep things close heading into the fourth quarter.

The Celtics lost 97-86 to Milwaukee in Game 6 of that series as well, but responded with a relatively easy 112-96 victory in Game 7. The C's lost 103-92 in Game 4 against the Sixers in the second round, only to respond with a 114-112 win in Game 5 to



J.R. Smith looks to strip the ball from Jayson Tatum Saturday night in Cleveland. GETTY IMAGES

close that series out.

In other words, this Celtics team responds quite well to being decked in the mouth.

The law of averages also says that the Cavs won't shoot nearly as well tonight as they did in Game 3. LeBron went 3-for-3 from 3-point territory on Saturday night. George Hill couldn't miss early on. J.R. Smith went 3-for-4 from deep. Kyle Korver was a perfect 4-for-4 behind the stripe. Jordan Clarkson, who was a DNP-CD in Game 2, even showed up for the Cavs in Game 3 — drilling three 3-pointers.

Game 4 tonight should be the best game, pound for pound, of the series thus far — mostly because the first three games have stunk from a late-game drama standpoint.

Game 1 was a blowout in favor of the Celtics. Game 2 was close early but a 36-point

4-1

The Celtics are 4-1 this postseason when Jaylen Brown shoots the ball more than 16 times from the floor in one game.

third quarter by the C's made that one relatively easy down the stretch. And Game 3 on Saturday was a drubbing in favor of Cleveland.

The Celtics, who have little room for error in these games, need Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown to look like they did in the first two rounds of these playoffs. Tatum put up just 10 shots from the floor in Game 3, his lowest shot attempt total since Game 5 of the Milwaukee series.

Brown was even more timid in Game 3, as he got up just eight shots. Even Marcus Smart shot the ball



Marcus Morris gives Jaylen Brown a hand in Game 3. GETTY IMAGES

more than Brown Saturday night.

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that ailed the Celtics in Game 3, making a narrow Celtics road win tonight a good wager as well.

Top 10 NBA players of all-time

OPINION

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I've trotted out this list several times over the past few years and it typically ends with my email box and Twitter account flooded with hate mail and tweets.

So before all you LeBron and Wilt Chamberlain honks go crazy again, let me explain my decisions as to why they are Nos. 3 and Nos. 8, respectively.

First and foremost, I put a heavy emphasis on titles won – and don't give me the, "Ohhh, so why isn't Robert Horry on this list then?" argument, either.

Pure greatness (skill, clutchness, will-to-win) is the main criterion, and titles won is one hell of a tie-breaker in these arguments.

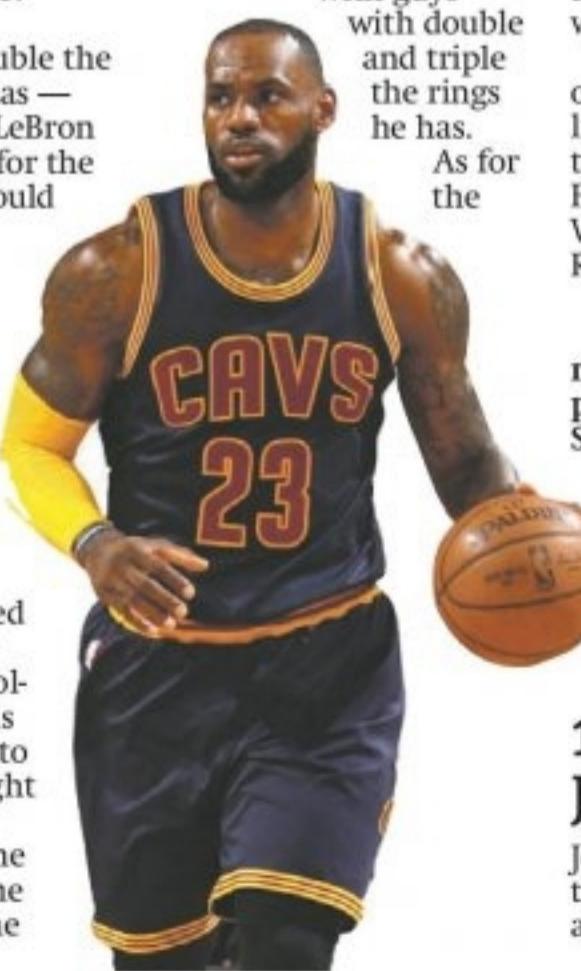
No, Bill Russell (who has almost double the championships as Michael Jordan with 11) was not as good a pure basketball talent as Jordan. So, Jordan gets the edge.

In the recently hotly contested Jordan vs. LeBron debate, I've gotta say it's still an easy one. LeBron's skill is equal if not greater than Jordan's - fine. But Jordan's clutchness and will-to-win was far greater than LeBron's.

The tie-breaker? Titles won.

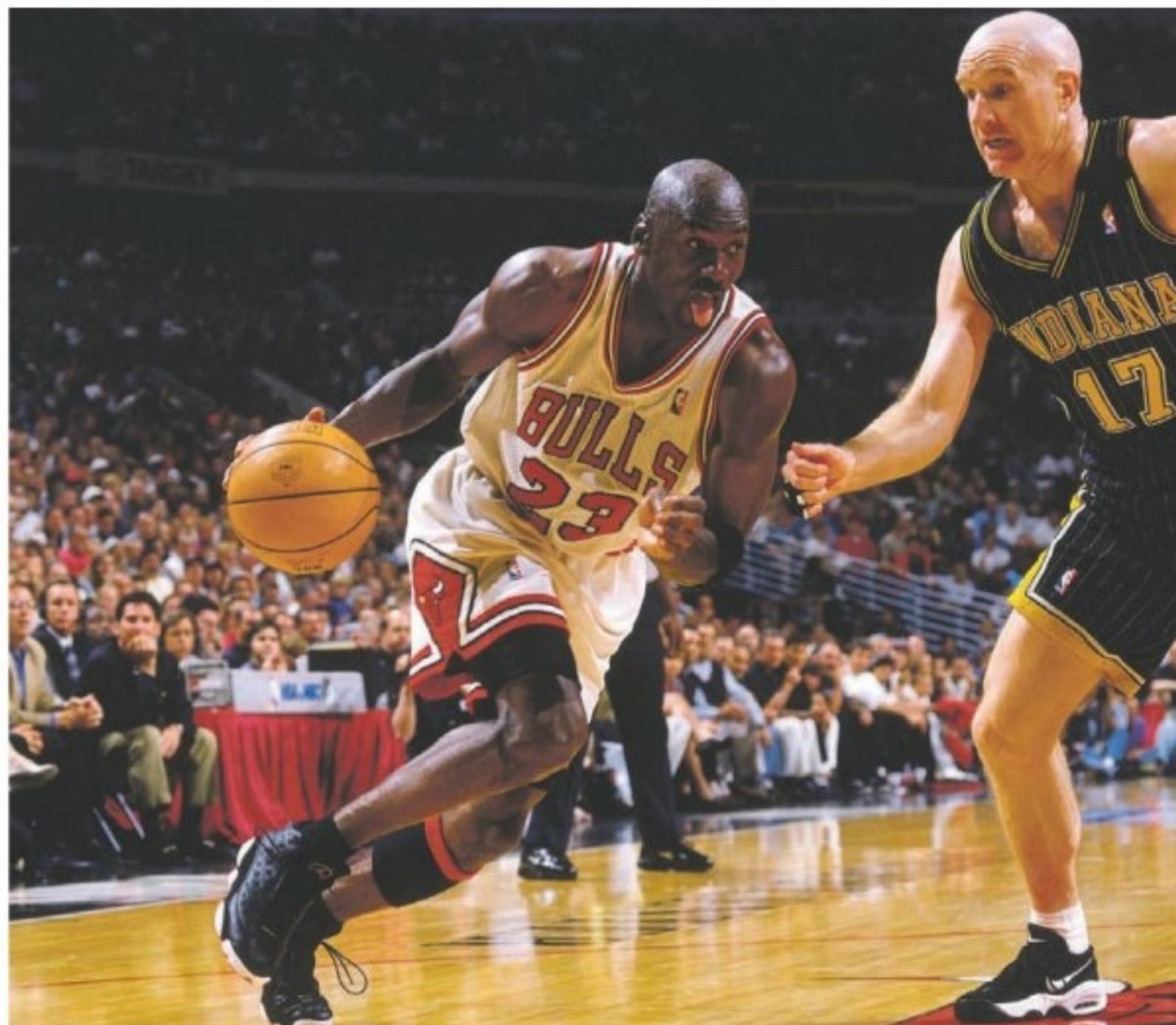
Jordan has double the rings as LeBron has — MJ with six, and LeBron with three. And for the record, Jordan would never be down to a team led by a rookie in the Eastern Conference Finals like LeBron is right now. That's just not happening.

In my rankings last year, LeBron was parked at No. 6 overall – and I wrote the following: "LeBron is about to make it to his seventh straight NBA Finals. That is unreal. And if he duplicates what he did last year in the



1. Michael Jordan

Jordan's competition in the '90s was not as good as Bird and Magic's was



Michael Jordan drives on Chris Mullin. GETTY IMAGES

Finals, I've gotta think about putting him in the Magic-Bird range."

Done.

In fact, I now have LeBron three spots higher than I had him last year.

Still, the "only three titles" thing really hurts him when matched up with guys with double and triple the rings he has.

As for the

old "Wilt vs. Russell" argument, again - titles won is just so overwhelming. Russell won 11 rings. Wilt won just two. It's a downright blowout.

Did Russell have better teammates throughout the course of his career? Sure. But don't act like Wilt was playing with a bunch of scrubs.

In 1969, Wilt had another guy on this top 10 list – Jerry West – on his team, along with Hall of Famer Elgin Baylor. And Wilt STILL couldn't beat Russell.

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in the 1980s or as good as LeBron's is now. But the NBA was still plenty healthy that decade. Hakeem Olajuwon, young Shaq, Patrick Ewing, David Robinson, Charles Barkley, Karl Malone and John Stockton would have been great in any era.

2. Bill Russell

There were just nine teams in the NBA in the mid-1960s. That made it easier to win titles ... or did it? Gotta remember that with fewer teams, there was more elite talent to stack on one particular team. Almost every team back then could be considered a "super team," with three or four Hall of Famers stacking one roster.

3. LeBron James

Easily the best player of the past 15 years, LeBron still has to win another ring or two if we are to seriously have him dethrone Jordan.

4. Magic Johnson

He gets the edge over Bird, simply because he has five rings and The Legend "only" has three.

5. Larry Bird

Not sure if any player on this list was as good as Bird was at his peak. From 1984-86, Bird was playing an otherworldly brand of basketball.

6. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Kareem still holds the record for points scored in a career with 38,38. That's about 6,000 more points than Jordan recorded in his career.

7. Tim Duncan

He's been retired just two years and already people are forgetting how great he was. A five-time NBA champion and two-time NBA MVP, Duncan made the Spurs contenders in three different decades.

8. Wilt Chamberlain

The guy simply overpowered people. He was the Shaq of his day. FYI, Shaq didn't make the cut here.

9. Jerry West

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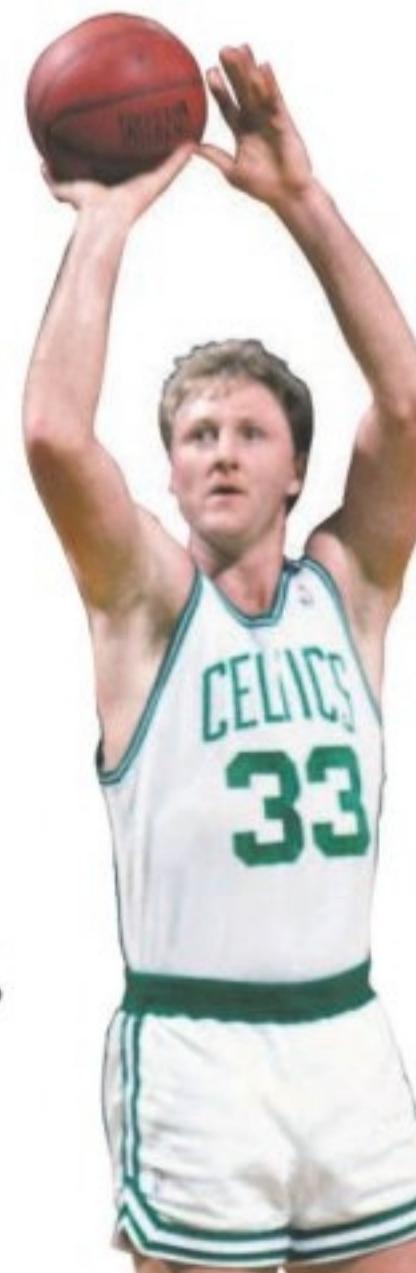
10. Hakeem Olajuwon

The 90s was an era of great centers and no big man was as good as Hakeem during that decade. It's just a shame we never saw the dream Finals matchup of Jordan's Bulls vs. Hakeem's Rockets.

Snubs

A glance at the players who just missed the cut:

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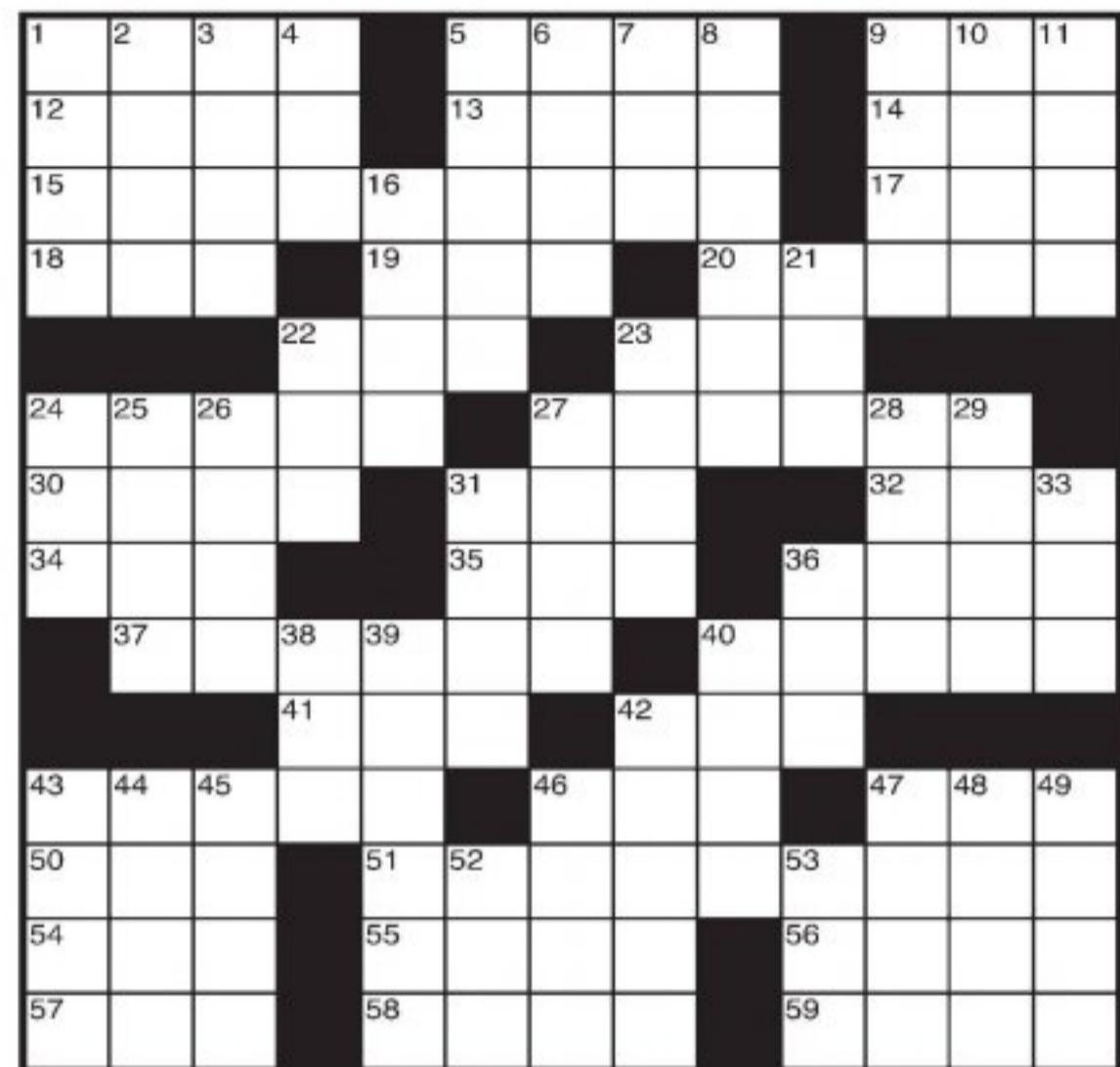
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Aries Focus on what you can do for others and what you want in return. A flair for compromise will be what helps you excel. Go with the flow and avoid interference.



Taurus Ease into whatever you plan to do today. Problems at home will leave you wondering what to do next. Accept the inevitable and do your own thing.



Gemini Your involvement in organized events, retreats or trade shows will motivate you to alter your lifestyle. Initiate change and incorporate a fitness regimen to ease stress.



Cancer Personal changes can be made, but only if you set a budget and stick to it. Making cosmetic changes will encourage you to update your image and pursue new opportunities.



Leo Overreacting will hurt your reputation or cause a problem at home. Someone will unexpectedly start treating you differently. Stay calm and avoid a senseless argument.



Virgo An energetic presentation will capture attention, but don't mislead people. Stick to the facts and only offer what you know you can deliver. Personal gains are attainable.



Libra Don't make physical changes that will slow you down, lead to complications or cause a problem with an older relative. Think matters through and make reasonable suggestions.



Scorpio Iron out problems before you share your plans with others. You will face opposition from someone you work with or for. A unique option will intrigue someone with vision.



Sagittarius A change of location will inspire you to rethink the best way to move forward. Back away from anyone trying to interfere with your decisions or plans.



Capricorn Look for alternative ways to cut corners and save money. Downsizing or investing in something that will lower your expenses should be considered.



Aquarius Pump yourself up and get energized. Get into the groove and make personal changes that will leave you feeling good about the way you look and the place you live.



Pisces Home and property should be your priorities. Financial gains look promising, and relying on the past to point you in the right direction will pay off. **EUGENIA LAST**

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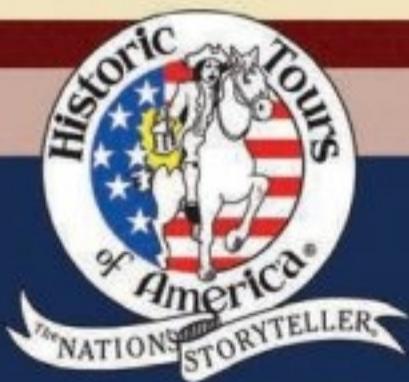
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